



**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s) ) Ghassan Semaan  
Application No. ) 09/658,778  
Filing Date ) September 11, 2000  
Title ) METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PARTITIONING  
SONET FRAMES INTO LOGICAL CHANNELS  
TO OPTIMIZE BANDWIDTH UTILIZATION  
Examiner ) A. Elallam  
Art Unit ) 2662-2668

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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed August 15, 2005, Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks. Accordingly, reconsideration and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on Page 2.

**Remarks** begin on Page 6.

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